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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated 02 March 2004.

A Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 is being filed concurrently herewith, in which Applicants appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed 02 March 2004 finally rejecting claims 1-14 and 17-34.

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A Petition for a two (2) month Extension of Time is also filed concurrently herewith, which extends the period for response from 02 June 2004 to 02 August 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.